



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 30:
Your Right to Use Your Own Language**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Although January may feel like it's been a long month, another week has flown by and, as always, the children and staff have been really busy. Here at Oakdene we are **passionate** about providing an **exceptional, innovative education** that **inspires** and **empowers** our pupils, in every class, every day! We aim to develop **confident, resilient, independent, lifelong learners** and this has been evident in all of the lessons I have visited this week. I am always blown away by the children's articulation about their **learning**. The children are always so proud too!

Attendance and Punctuality

This week has been another fabulous week in terms of attendance. We are pleased that overall attendance is closer than ever to our **97% target**. With your continuing support we believe that this remains achievable and we will continue to provide your children with **outstanding educational opportunities**. Please make sure your child arrives for an 8.50am start if they are in Reception to Y6. We are monitoring **punctuality** very closely and will contact you if we have a concern.

Reading for pleasure

This week, we look forward to celebrating **National Storytelling Week**. The theme this year is **'Reimagine Your World'**. This will be a joyful **celebration** of the power of **sharing stories**.



Keep reading! Have a fabulous week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Year 3 children were immersed in their Stone Age experience through our Fantastic Forest School curriculum. The children searched for sticks, built and lit fires, cooked fish, tasted Stone Age vegetable broth, and enjoyed berry-infused water with foraged berries—an exciting journey through time and taste.

Mrs Cowan was particularly impressed with their fire safety.



Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Mon 20th Jan—Fri 31st Jan	Swimming Block for Y5 pupils
Week commencing 27th Jan 'National Storytelling Week'	
Wed 29th Jan	Chinese New Year
Thurs 30th Jan	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Reception Pupils
Fri 31st Jan	Y1 Fire Station Visit - AM
Week Commencing 3rd Feb 'Children's Mental Health Week'	
Thurs 6th Feb	Y4 visit York Chocolate Story
Fri 7th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y6 Pupils
Tues 11th Feb	Safer Internet Day - Online Behaviour workshops delivered by Bigfoot Arts Education to Y3-Y6 pupils.
Wed 12th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y5 Pupils
Tues 18th Feb	10 pupils attend Y4 Active Learning Competition @ Durham University - PM
Thurs 20th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y2 Pupils
Fri 21st Feb	PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February
Monday 3rd March - Children Return to School

Week Commencing 3rd March Careers Week	
Tues 4th March	Rebel Women Workshops led by Bigfoot Education Shrove Tuesday
Weds 5th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y1 Pupils
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day & Readathon Celebration
Mon 10th March	Launch of British Science Week
Tues 11th March	Y1 visit Shildon Railway Museum Y5/6 Dance City Workshops
Wed 12th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y3 Pupils
Tues 18th March	Y2 Snappy Spring Music event @ Thornaby Pavilion - AM
Weds 19th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils Y2 visit the Washington Wetland Centre
Fri 21st March	Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
Mon 24th March	World Maths Day
Mon 24th—Wed 26th March	Y5SW attend Trust Residential at Streonshalh Field Study Centre, East Whitby Primary Academy, Whitby.
Wed 26th March—Fri 28th March	Y5M attend Trust Residential
Tues 1st April	12 pupils from y5/6 Hockey @ Norton Sports Complex
W/c 7th April	Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers - PM
Fri 4th April	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Nursery Pupils
Fri 11th April	Children break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April
Mon 28th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School





Y1 pupil, Willow Earle was so excited to receive her first 'Swim England' certificate and badge for completing Level 1 of the 'Learn to Swim' awards.

Very well done!



Y1 pupils, **Izzy Matthews** and **Isabel Liddle**, are both keen to perfect their trampoline skills. Izzy was awarded an **NETTC (North of England Trampoline Technical)** medal for competing with such confidence.

Isabel achieved her **Level 2 Proficiency Award** for practising her bounces, twist and landings.



Y1 pupils, **Altay Arslan** and **Vinnie Westwood**, are showing lots of promise with **their football skills**. Altay brought in a **football trophy** and **RWB medal**.

Vinnie attends a **football training** group called **Diddikicks**. He was awarded a **medal for sportsmanship**, trying his best and **excelling**.



Y4 pupil, **Eliza Grace Mack**, danced her way to success and was rewarded with **3 medals** and **certificates for ballet, tap and modern**.

Keep dancing!

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mrs Osborne**
'The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Activity Book' by **RSPB & Amy Zhing**



This activity book is perfect to begin your **birdwatching adventure** with this handy **sticker book and spotting guide**.

It provides tips on how to **attract birds** to your **garden or windowsill** and you can learn to **identify common birds** found in **Britain**.

Ahoy there Shipmates! Our Y2 pupils had a fantastic time at the **Pirate-Themed Multi-Sport Festival** at Durham Queen's Campus, Stockton.

The children experienced an exciting morning navigating through a pirate obstacle course, taking part in a **sinking ship challenge**, and embarking on a **treasure hunt**, whilst collecting **gold coins** for demonstrating **teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills**.

A great day of adventure had by all.



Week Ending 24th January 2025
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Oliver Foster	Lottie Cooper	Parker Purvis	Archer Dixon
YR Miss Dixon	Freya White	Harriet Smith	Jamie Hart	Oscar Stainsby
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Prashwita Bhimavarapu	Isabel Liddle	Jason Adenkunle	Elodie Richardson
	Louie Walker	Caleb Jefferies	Jenson - John Murray	Harper Cooper
Y2 Mrs Durham	Aria Dugdale	Amani Mohammad	Lily Grantham	Aiden Turner
Y3 Mr Horkan	Rosie Daniel	Niamh Bellew	Skylla Wilks	Freddie McQuilling
Y4 Miss Robinson	Theo Smith-Sewell	Quinn Parkin	Harley Wallace	Blake Playle
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Leighton Harvey	William Marshall	Charlie Kibbler	Ava Hammond
Y5M Mr McConnell	Landon Quinn	Leah Cooley	Nancy Green	George Reevell
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Phoebe Donnelly	Jaden Ridley	Jacob Smithson	Brienna May-Thomas

	YR & KSI Elliot Hardy	Y3 & Y4 Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Y5 & Y6 Jaden Ridley
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